IN THE CLAIMS:

1.      A computer-based method, comprising the steps of:

executing a workspace data manager on a client site;

requesting the workspace data manager to access data from a remote site;

downloading data from [a] the remote site;

[requesting a] using the workspace data manager to enable manipulation of the downloaded data, [and] thereby [create] creating manipulated data; [and]

synchronizing the manipulated data with the data [stored] at the remote site; and

disabling the client site from accessing at least a portion of one of the downloaded data and the manipulated data.

2.      (Once amended)  The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of requesting the workspace data manager to provide an interface for enabling manipulation of the downloaded data.

*3.      The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of using the workspace data manager interface to request synchronization.

*4.      The method of claim 2, wherein the workspace data manager provides an interface by creating an instance.

*5.      The method of claim 2, wherein the workspace data manager provides an interface by providing access to its only interface.

6.      (Once amended)  The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of translating the [workspace] downloaded data from the format used by the remote site and the format used by the workspace data manager.

*7.      The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of deleting the workspace data manager interface after manipulation of data is no longer needed.

8.      (Once amended)  The method of claim 1, wherein the data [stored] at the remote site has not [changed] been modified after the step of downloading and before the step of synchronizing and therefore includes the downloaded data.

9.      (Once amended)  The method of claim 1, wherein the data [stored] at the remote site has been modified after the step of downloading and before the step of synchronizing, and therefore is different than the downloaded data.

10.     (Once amended)  A system on a client site, comprising:

        a communications module for [downloading workspace] obtaining data from a remote site;

        an application program interface coupled to the communications module for communicating with a workspace data manager to enable manipulation of the downloaded workspace data and thereby create manipulated data; [and]

        a general synchronization module coupled to the communications module for synchronizing the manipulated data with the workspace data [stored] at the remote site; and

        program code coupled to the application program interface for disabling the client site from accessing at least a portion of one of the downloaded workspace data and the manipulated data.

11.     (Once amended)  The system of claim 10, further comprising an instantiator for requesting the workspace data manager to provide [an] a data manipulation interface for enabling manipulation of the downloaded [workspace] data.

*12.    The system of claim 11, wherein the data manipulation interface enables a request to synchronize the data.

13.     (Once amended)  The system of claim 11, wherein the workspace data manager creates another instance of the interface to enable manipulation of the <u>downloaded</u> data.

14.     (Once amended)  The system of claim 11, wherein the workspace data manager provides access to its only interface to enable manipulation of the <u>downloaded</u> data.

*15.     The system of claim 10, further comprising a data reader for translating the downloaded workspace data from the format used by the remote site to the format used by the workspace data manager.

*16.     The system of claim 11, further comprising a de-instantiator for deleting the data manipulation interface after manipulation of data is no longer required.

17.     (Once amended)  The system of claim 10, wherein the data stored at the remote site has not [changed] <u>been modified</u> and therefore includes the downloaded data.

*18.     The system of claim 10, wherein the data stored at the remote site has been modified, and therefore is different than the downloaded data.

*19.     The system of claim 18, further comprising a content-based synchronization module for synchronizing the data stored at the remote site with the manipulated data.

20.     (Once amended)  A system comprising:
        <u>means for executing a workspace data manager on a client site;</u>
        <u>means for requesting the workspace data manager to access data from a remote site;</u>
        means for downloading data from [a] <u>the</u> remote site;
        means for [requesting a] <u>using the</u> workspace data manager to enable manipulation of the <u>downloaded</u> data, [and] thereby [create] <u>creating</u> manipulated data; [and]